AMENDED CLAIM SET:

1.-21. (cancelled).

22. (currently amended) An oral medicine preventing an unpleasant taste which comprises a mixture comprising a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste and an acidic polysaccharide, wherein

the mixture is in a homogeneous blend and said basic medicine and acidic polysaccharide are in intimate contact in order to form an electric interaction and to prevent the basic medicine from dissolving in saliva;

said homogeneous blend further comprises a filler, a binding agent or disintegrant, or both a filler and a disintegrant;

said medicine is in the form of granules or fine granules for oral administration or a tablet for oral administration comprising the homogeneous blend;

said acidic polysaccharide is at least one member selected from the group consisting of carrageenan~~, chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate~~ and salts thereof;

said acidic polysaccharide is in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having the unpleasant taste, and

said basic medicine is donepezil hydrochloride.

23-40. (cancelled).

41. (currently amended) A method for manufacturing an oral medicine in the form of granules or fine granules for oral administration or a tablet for oral administration, said medicine comprising a mixture comprising basic medicine having an unpleasant taste and an acidic polysaccharide, said method comprising:

blending the mixture to obtain a homogeneous blend of said oral medicine; wherein said acidic polysaccharide is in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic medicine; and

forming the mixture comprising the homogeneous blend into granules, fine granules or a tablet for oral administration,[[;]]

wherein said basic medicine and acidic polysaccharide are in intimate contact in order to form an electric interaction and to prevent the basic medicine from dissolving in saliva; wherein said homogeneous blend further comprises a filler, a disintegrant, or both a filler and a disintegrant to obtain said homogeneous blend; wherein ~~and~~ said acidic polysaccharide is at least one member selected from the group consisting of carrageenan~~, chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate~~ and salts thereof; and wherein said basic medicine is donepezil hydrochloride.

42.-61. (cancelled).

62. (cancelled).

63. (cancelled).

64. (currently amended) The oral medicine of claim 22, wherein the ~~acidic polysaccharide~~ carrageenan is at least one member selected from the group consisting of ι-carrageenan, κ-carrageenan, λ-carrageenan, ~~dextran sulfate~~ and a salt thereof.

65. (cancelled).

66. (cancelled).

67. (currently amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the ~~acidic polysaccharide~~ carrageenan is at least one member selected from the group consisting of ι-carrageenan, κ-carrageenan, λ-carrageenan, ~~dextran sulfate~~ and a salt thereof.

68. (cancelled).

69. (new) An oral medicine preventing an unpleasant taste which comprises a mixture comprising a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste and an acidic polysaccharide, wherein

the mixture is in a homogeneous blend and said basic medicine and acidic polysaccharide are in intimate contact in order to form an electric interaction and to prevent the basic medicine from dissolving in saliva;

said homogeneous blend further comprises a filler, a binding agent or disintegrant, or both a filler and a disintegrant;

said medicine is in the form of granules or fine granules for oral administration or a tablet for oral administration comprising the homogeneous blend;

said acidic polysaccharide is at least one member selected from the group consisting of chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, and salts thereof;

said acidic polysaccharide is in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having the unpleasant taste, and

said basic medicine is donepezil hydrochloride.

70. (new) A method for manufacturing an oral medicine in the form of granules or fine granules for oral administration or a tablet for oral administration, said medicine comprising a mixture comprising basic medicine having an unpleasant taste and an acidic polysaccharide, said method comprising:

blending the mixture to obtain a homogeneous blend of said oral medicine; wherein said acidic polysaccharide is in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic medicine; and

forming the mixture comprising the homogeneous blend into granules, fine granules or a tablet for oral administration,

wherein said basic medicine and acidic polysaccharide are in intimate contact in order to form an electric interaction and to prevent the basic medicine from dissolving in saliva; wherein said homogeneous blend further comprises a filler, a disintegrant, or both a filler and a disintegrant to obtain said homogeneous blend; wherein said acidic polysaccharide is at least one

member selected from the group consisting of chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, and salts thereof; and wherein said basic medicine is donepezil hydrochloride.